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INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%.

" " " 6%.

" " " 3%.

" " " 24%.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.

Hongkong, October 17, 1896. 346

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE FUND:—\$6,500,000.

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" 6%.

" 12%.

T. JACKSON, Esq., Manager.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 348

W. POWELL & Co.

A NICE SELECTION OF

FANCY WORK.

EMBROIDERIES, NEEDLEWORK, WOOL WORK, ARROSENE, SILK-

EMBROIDERY WOOLS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 376

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-

ducted by the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANKING CORPO-

RATION. Rules may be obtained on ap-

plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at

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may transfer at their option balances of

\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on

FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per

annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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IS PUT TO ALL ANXIETY

THE NEW GUARANTEED CASH

VALUE POLICY

OF THE

'EQUITABLE.'

This Policy provides three things: (1) Protection for the family; (2) Provision for the assured's later years; (3) A valuable investment.

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J. C. HAMILTON,

Manager for the East

Hongkong, October 1, 1896. 1517

## Business Notices.

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SPECIAL WHISKEY.

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EMBROIDERY WOOLS, &c., &c.

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The Cunard Steamer 'LUCANIA,' which holds the record for

quickest passages across the Atlantic is coated with this Composition:

Also in Use by the EMPRESS Line of Steamers.

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CANADIAN RYE

Whisky.

DISTILLED IN 1887.

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PEE DOZEN, \$12.00.

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Telephone No. 136.

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Per case of 12 doz.

OLD CABINET' BOURBON, \$28.00

CYRUS NOBLE' OLD BOURBON WHISKY, 24.00

CANADIAN CLUB WHISKY, 15.00

POWER'S IRISH WHISKY, 12.00

TAYLOR'S 'COLESWICH' (IRISH), 12.00

15, Queen's Road.

Telephone 75.

Hongkong, February 20, 1897. 335

Caldebeck, Macgregor & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchant.

21, QUEEN'S ROAD.

24, QUEEN'S ROAD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,

CHABLIS.

POMMARD.</p

## Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.  
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR  
DRAMATIC CLUB  
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF  
'Les Cloches de Corneville'

on the following dates:—  
To-Night, 22nd February, 1897.  
Wednesday, 24th February, 1897.  
Saturday, 27th February, 1897.  
Tuesday, 2nd March, 1897.

Doors open each Night at 8.30 p.m.  
Performance at 9 p.m., precisely.

Prices, \$2 and \$1.

Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in  
uniform.

Late Trams will run 1 hour after the fall  
of the Curtain.

The Booking Office at the Theatre Royal  
will be open on and after  
WEDNESDAY, 10th February.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

E. W. MITCHELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 208

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## TUESDAY,

the 23rd February, 1897, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &amp;c.,

(For Sundry Account).

Comprising—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE.

MARBLETOP CENTRE AND SIDE TABLES.  
BEVELLED GLASS OVERMANTLES, PICTURES  
AND ORNAMENTS.

BEDROOM, GARDEN, KITCHEN, ETC.

EXTRAORDINARY DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD  
WITH BEVELLED GLASS, DISHES, WAGONS,  
GLASS, HOOKEASE, DECOR, AND WRITING  
TABLES.

CROCKERY, GLASS AND PLATED WARE,  
DOUBLE AND SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS.

WARDROBES WITH AND WITHOUT GLASS  
DOORS, CHESTS OF DRAWERS, DRESSING  
TABLE AND MARBLETOP WASHSTANDS.

ONE CAMERA, ONE VIOLONCELLO  
AND ONE CLARINET, ONE BICYCLE,  
Etc., Etc., Etc.

TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1897. 365

## AUCTION.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## TUESDAY,

the 23rd February, 1897, at 3 p.m.

Opposite the City Hall.

One rejected SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFIN  
and upwards of FIFTY PONIES.

Suitable for Racing, Polo, &c. Selections  
from the Largest Stables.

Further entries received until Noon on  
day of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 13, 1897. 324

To-day's Advertisements.

## ARMY CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received for the  
Supply of PROVISIONS and for  
SERVICES as below, required for the  
TROOPS at Hongkong for 12 Months from  
1ST APRIL NEXT.

## PROVISIONS.

1.—GENERAL SUPPLIES, including  
BEEF, GROCERIES, VEGETABLES, COAL, FIRE-  
WOOD, OIL, ETC., ETC.

2.—HOSPITAL SUPPLIES, including  
BEEF, MUTTON, FOWLS, CEREALS, FLOUR,  
WINE, and MEDICAL COMFORTS GENERALLY.

## SERVICES.

3.—PROVISION OF LAUNCHES AND  
BOATS, COOKIE LABOUR, and WATCHMEN.

4.—WASHING BEDDING and CLOTHING.

5.—SCAVENGING, SWEEPING CHIMNEYS,  
and SUPPLYING DRY EARTH.

6.—LIGHTING and SUPPLYING OIL for  
LAMPS.

7.—PURCHASE of EMPTY HOGSHEADS.

8.—PURCHASE of LEAD of BULLETS FIRED  
on MILITARY RIFLE RANGES at Kowloon.

TENDERS must be made on Form  
which, together with any further information  
required, may be obtained at HEAD-  
QUARTER OFFICE, B, Commissariat  
Buildings, between the hours 10 a.m. and  
4 p.m., daily up to the 2nd March, 1897.

HEADQUARTER OFFICE, B,  
22nd February, 1897. 379

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Yuenlong*,  
Captain W. WADDELOW,  
will be despatched at  
abovE TO-MORROW, the 23rd Instant, at  
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation  
for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 369

## SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON & HAMBURG.  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers of through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW  
CHIYANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW,  
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Barbadoes*,  
Captain GARDNER, will be  
despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 378

OCEAN STREAMSHIP COMPANY.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers of through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW  
CHIYANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW,  
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Barbadoes*,  
Captain GARDNER, will be  
despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

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## To-day's Advertisements.



## MACAU.

## WILLISON'S CIRCUS

## EXHIBITS AT

## MACAO

## for SIX NIGHTS ONLY

## COMMENCING—

## TUESDAY, 22nd February.

## CHANGES OF PROGRAMME

## EVERY EVENING

## PRICES \$2, \$1, and 50 CENTS.

## WILLISON'S CIRCUS

## will give

## 3—FAREWELL PERFORMANCES—3

## at Hongkong.

## MONDAY, 1st TUESDAY, 2nd;

## WEDNESDAY, 3rd March,

## with the FULL STRENGTH of the

## Company.

## including several New Artists just arrived;

## and Sails for Shanghai on

## THURSDAY, 4th March.

## Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 381

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE PENINSULAR &amp; ORIENTAL

## STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

## STEAMER KAISAR-I-HIND.

## FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

## STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

## This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From LONDON, &c., ex.s.s. *Peninsular* and*Arcadia*, for PEKING and

## WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, will

## arrive to VICTORIA (B.C.) and

## TACOMA (Wash.), via KOBE and

## YOKOHAMA.

## Through Bills of Lading issued to

## Japan, PEKING, and CANADA and

## UNITED STATES Points.

## Consular Invoices of Goods for United

## States Points should be sent to

## the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent

## Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

## Parcels must be sent in full by 5 p.m. on

## the day previous to sailing.

## For further information as to Passage or

## Freight, apply to

## DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; CO.,

## General Agents.

## Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 142

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

## FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT

## SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH,

## SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA,

## ADEN, KURRACHEE, BOMBAY,

## COLOMBO, PENANG &amp; SINGAPORE.

## (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

## Brammer, 3,601 | Feb. 21.

## TACOMA, 2,649 | Tuesday, 1 Mar. 2.

## VICTORIA, 3,167 | Tuesday, 1 Mar. 23.

## BRAZIL, 2,608 | Tuesday, 1 April 13.

## Brammer, 3,501 | Tuesday, 1 May 4.

THE Steamship *BAEREMAR*, Captain

## FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American barque,

and *EMERALD*, American barque,

## will be despatched at BOMBAY,

## on the 2nd of MARCH, 1897.

The *BAEREMAR* has been effected, and

## No Extra Insurance will be charged.

## Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

## SANDER &amp; CO., Agents.

## Hongkong, January 22, 1897. 382

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

## FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT

## SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH,

## SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA,

## ADEN, KURRACHEE, BOMBAY,

## COLOMBO, PENANG &amp; SINGAPORE.

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG and

## SINGAPORE.

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

FROM VENICE, ex.s.s. *Massimo*,

## General Agent.

## Hongkong, February 22, 1897. 377

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

## FOR MANILA.

## The Co

We understand the collection at the Union Church yesterday, in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, amounted to £270.

H.M.S. Spartan coals on Friday next, and will probably sail for England on the 1st of March. The Immortalis is expected to go north to relieve the Undanited at present in Nagasaki Harbour.

'BLACK Bishop' informs us that Problem No. 30, published in the Chess Column on Thursday last, is in two moves. By a typographical error the usual words were omitted below the diagram—'White to play and mate in two moves.'

The cruiser *Misuru* commissioned at Chatham on the 4th inst. to bring out new crews to the China Squadron. The *Endymion* will be employed on the same service. The ships re-commissioning on this Station are the *Centurion* and the *Rattler*.

YESTERDAY morning the Volunteers held a Church Parade Service at Union Church. There was a fairly good turn-out of the Field Battery, the following officers being present—Captain Chapman, Lieutenants Machell, Macdonald and Wylie. The Battery marched to and from Church headed by the pipe band of the West Yorkshire Regiment. Rev. G. J. Williams preached an eloquent sermon from the text, 'Who is on the Lord's Side?' The musical part of the service was very appropriate.

It is curious to note the persistency with which the Home newspapers belittle the docking accommodation of Hongkong. The latest offender is the *London and China Express*, whose editor ought to know more about Hongkong than the ordinary Fleet Street scribbler. In the latest issue to hand, the *Express* says:—'A consideration arising out of the despatch of H.M.S. *Powerful* to the China Station is that referring to the matter of putting her in dock should necessarily arise. The largest dock at Hongkong is 570 ft. overall and 530 ft. on the blocks, with a width at the gates of 85 ft., and 28 ft. of water on the mill. This is by no means a small dock, but it does not suffice for such a monster as the *Powerful*. Perhaps the Admiralty contemplates further docking arrangements at Hongkong. The *Powerful* is not such a monster that the Kowloon docks cannot accommodate her. Enquiries were made about two years ago by the Admiralty officials in Hongkong as to the possibility of docking the *Powerful* or the *Terrible* here, and the authorities were perfectly satisfied with what they then ascertained.'

We understand that the Hon. A. M. Thomson, who has acted for some time as Postmaster General here, has received the substantive appointment. As this is the first post which Mr Thomson has received—he has been acting in every case until now—he is to be congratulated upon his promotion. The community will agree with us when we say that Mr Thomson is one of the most capable young officers in the Service, but the hopes entertained of his success in any given position must to some extent depend upon a definite appointment. Until he obtains an adequate building to transact all the sections of his postal business, he is handicapped in a certain sense,—especially when the Chinese postal service has been switched on to the other duties. Still, where there's a will there's a way; and we have great hopes that the new Postmaster General, who has had the initiation of this new native departure, will see his way to a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. We also hope that he will succeed in rescuing the local deliveries from the disreputable notions which have gathered around them for the last few months.

The Japanese Government have entered into a contract with Messrs Farrow and Co., of Peckham, to construct two torpedo-destroyers, having a guaranteed speed of thirty-one knots.

The following notification appears in the London *Advertiser*.—The Hongkong Regt.—Havalid Rajah Ali Gauhar Khan to be Jemadar, vice Khan Alam, retired, with precedence next above Jemadar Ajah Khan.

We are now enabled to announce (says the *Singapore Free Press*) that the destination of the 1st Battalion Riffle Brigade on leaving Singapore will be Parkhurst, in the Isle of Wight. The date of the departure of the regiment is not definitely fixed, but it will take place during the next troping season, towards the close of this year and the beginning of 1898. As before stated, the West Yorkshire Regiment from Hongkong will be the relief of the Riffle Brigade.

The twin screw sloops *Algiers* and *Phoenix*, 6 guns, 1,000 tons, were to be commissioned on the 11th February at Devonport with complements of 100 officers and men, each, for the China Station. Lieut. C. P. R. Coode and H. B. Haynes are amongst the officers on the former, and the latter is the first time that the two are old hands on this station. The twin screw cruiser *Isis* was commissioned at Portsmouth on the 19th January for service on the station by Capt. H. N. Dudding with a complement of 270 officers and men, and will relieve the *Albion*.

The *Stances* are following the lead of European nations and are rapidly sending the defences of Peckham. We understand that he has been recently sent down the river, and large consignments of arms are being sent by almost every steamer. Preparations are being made with all despatch along the right bank of the Mekong to provide against surprise, and troops are being quickly moved to what is considered strategic positions in the East, while plans have been elaborated for the defence of the capital and its river and land approaches. *Stance* *Stances*.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.]

LONDON, February 10, 1897.

## THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION TREATY.

The Senate has finally shelved the British-American treaty. The American people are disgusted at this action.

## GREECE AND THE POWERS.

Lord Salisbury has declined a proposal to blockade the Dardanelles. The proposal originated with the Emperor William of Germany, and the German papers report recent refusal, regarding it as striking at European peace.

## THE TRANSVAAL CLAIM FOR THE JAMESON RAID.

Mr Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that the Transvaal claims for the Jameson raid are £37,038 for material and £1,000 for moral damages. These do not include claims of private persons.

## WEATHER NOTICES.

The following notices are issued from the Observatory:—

On the 21st at 11.25 a.m. Pressure has increased considerably over Japan, the low area having passed to the Pacific. On the China Coast the barometer has a tendency to fall. Gradients slight on the coast, moderate in N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N. to N. E. winds; cloudy.

On the 22nd at 11.25 a.m. Pressure has decreased on the China Coast and in the extreme North, and the gradients are slight. Forecast:—moderate N. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain.

## THE INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge the receipt of the undated subscriptions:—

Already acknowledged £42,000.

C. P. R. Office Staff 125.

H. E. Sir William Robinson, B.C.M.G. 100.

2nd Prize for Tag of War won by the Scotch Police at Wilson's Circus 75.

Half of 1st Prize for Tag of War at Wilson's Circus 62,50.

A-Friend 50.

Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart 25.

H. E. Bowring 20.

G. Stafford Northcote 20.

Hon. A. M. Thompson 20.

Hon. R. M. Rumsey 10.

J. R. Crook 10.

Conn. Hastings 10.

Capt. Lethbridge 10.

Hugh McCallum 10.

Frank Browne 10.

P. Power, Holloway 10.

N. S. Levy 10.

Mrs. Milbourn 5.

Respite 5.

Sanitary Board Staff 60.

Public Works Department Staff 39.

Harbour Office Staff 35.

Civil Hospital Staff 35.

Post Office Staff 25.

C. S. Staff 25.

Treasury Office Staff 22,50.

Magistracy Staff 15.

Observatory Staff 4.

C. S. O. Staff 4.

343,210.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour T. Sorocome Smith, Justice Judge.)

Monday, February 25.

## DEMANDING MONEY BY MENACES.

Wong Kung, was charged with demanding a sum of \$100 by means of menaces on the 23rd January.

He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. J. Francis (instructed by Mr. Wilkinson) appeared on behalf of the prosecutor; Mr. E. Robinson (instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the defence.

The following persons were empanelled:—

C. F. G. Chapman, H. Crombie, J. R. Reid, J. G. das Rosarias, G. George, S. Joseph and J. A. do Carvalho.

The prisoner objected to the empanelment of a Portuguese gentleman on the jury stating he preferred to be tried by Englishmen. The Court, however, overruled the objection.

The prisoner, who was a witness in a civil action, is stated to have gone to the prosecutor, one of the parties in the action, and stated that provided he was paid \$100 would give no further evidence against him.

A verdict of not guilty was returned.

W. Robinson &amp; Co., Piano and Musical Instrument specialists and experts. Workshops and Factory, Dudding St., Show Rooms, Queen's Road Central.

The sudden death is recorded of Rear-Admiral Dupuis, which occurred at Chardis Grange, Boscombe, Hampshire. Admiral Dupuis greatly distinguished himself during the China War of 1857, being present in many actions on the Canton River, Fatsian Creek, and at the final assault on Canton.

Thus Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* is informed that Li Hung Chang when he returned home, took the Emperor the welcome news that the Czar would visit China at the opening of the Siberian Rail-way, and that he hoped the Czarina would be able to accompany him. At Vladivostok the monarchs of China, Japan, and Korea will be his guests. After the opening of the railway the Czar and Czarina will visit Pekin, Tokio, and Seoul. Now

comes the news that the Marquis was quite ill in her old form. Mrs. Brown gave a

careful and well-studied rendering of the character of Marquise, and it would be well if the other minor characters would take a leaf out of her book; while Mrs. Francis Clark had too little to do as *Verdette*. She looked the character to perfection, and put a great deal of the required spirit into her acting. Misses Humphreys and Miss gave very effective interpretations of the play.

Mr. G. P. Lambert had a commanding appearance in the role of the Marquis, and although slightly devoid of acting, was great success. What he was lacking in action was fully made up by the beauty of his rendering he gave to his spirited pieces in which he took part. The centre piece of the play was interpreted by Mr. W. S. Frowd, R.N. His make-up as the miser was very clever, and his conception of the part in some instances laughably excellent. The scene in the dark chamber of the chateau was very cleverly rendered. He gave a realistic portrayal of the greedy grasping character of the miser. Mr. C. H. Grace looked the part of the Devil to a nicety, and never did it again. So that, although in two or three instances the characters have been out of character, I feel sure that in compensation for that the requisites dignity and austerity. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon his rendering of the part, as he always does it very well.

The *Stances* are following the lead of

European nations and are rapidly sending

the defences of Peckham. We understand

that he has been recently sent down the river,

and large consignments of arms are being sent

by almost every steamer. Preparations are

being made with all despatch along the

right bank of the Mekong to provide against

surprise, and troops are being quickly moved

to what is considered strategic positions in

the East, while plans have been elaborated

for the defence of the capital and its river and

land approaches. *Stance* *Stances*.

## 'LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.'

[CHARACTERS.]

Serpentine (a wain) Mrs. D. E. Brown.

Germaine Mrs. W. Mitchell.

Manette Mrs. B. Brett.

Grertrude Mrs. Francis Clark.

Marguerite Miss Humphreys.

Jeanne Miss Mast.

The Marquis Mr. G. P. Lambert.

Corneville Mr. G. P. Lambert.

Globe (a miser) Mr. W. S. Frowd.

The Baillie Mr. C. Grace.

Grischeux Mr. D. K. Caldwell.

Gobe (the Baillie's shadow) Mr. G. Grindle.

Christophe (a cadet) Mr. Eric Grant Smith.

Eugene Mr. Sawyer.

M. E. Hill Poasanta Fishwives &amp;c. Mollies.

Aitken Bain Clement M. Clement Etal.

Hazelund Marcel Seth and Skercheley.

Fishermen Sailors Gardners Coachmen &amp;c. Messrs Armstrong, Arthur, Brett, Chapman, Crispin, Duncan, Etel, Gilchrist, Grindle, G. C. Hayward, E. Hazlewood, E. Hill, Humphreys, Holmes, J. H. Jackson, F. Lambert, Mr. Lumley, L. W. Maiburn, Measor, Mitton, Rose, Sawyer, Shepherd, Eric Smith, R. Witchell, J. Witchell.

The scenery painted by the staff of the

late Mr. M. A. Baptista, from sketches and designs by Lieut. Buzzard, R.A. The Dances arranged by Mr. George Calvert.

Gradually sight on the coast, moderate in N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N. to N. E. winds; cloudy.

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Forecast:—moderate N. to N. E. winds; cloudy.

On the 22nd at 11.25 a.m. Pressure has decreased on the China Coast and in the extreme North, and the gradients are slight. Forecast:—moderate N. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain.

## THE TRANSVAAL CLAIM FOR THE JAMESON RAID.

Mr Chamberlain stated in the House of

Commons that the Transvaal claims for the Jameson raid are £37,038 for material and £1,000 for moral damages. These do not include claims of private persons.

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## Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, . . . . .	lb.	—	來路烟燭肉
" Ame. Sugar cured, . . . . .	340	—	花旗烟燭肉
" Faochow, . . . . .	220	—	福州烟燭肉
" Japan, cured, . . . . .	240	—	日本烟燭肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut, catty	140	—	尾龍肉
" Corned, . . . . .	140	—	燭牛肉
Bullock's Brains, per set	60	50	燭牛腦
" Tongue fresh, each	—	—	燭牛頭
" corned, . . . . .	350	—	燭牛心
" Head, . . . . .	500	—	燭牛腰
" Heart, . . . . .	150	—	燭牛肝
" Hump, Salt, catty	140	—	燭牛尾
" Feet, . . . . .	60	50	燭牛肚
Kidneys, . . . . .	50	—	燭牛仔
Tail, . . . . .	100	—	燭火腿
Liver, . . . . .	catty	70	燭火腿
Tripe (undressed) catty	60	50	燭火腿
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	—	燭火腿
Hams, American, lb.	340	—	燭火腿
" Chinese, . . . . .	—	—	燭火腿
" English, New, . . . . .	420	—	燭火腿
" Japan cured, . . . . .	280	—	燭火腿
Shanghai, . . . . .	220	—	燭火腿
Mutton Chop, . . . . .	150	—	燭火腿
" Leg, . . . . .	150	—	燭火腿
Shoulder, . . . . .	120	—	燭火腿
Pigs' Chittlings, . . . . .	catty	70	燭火腿
" Feet, . . . . .	110	—	燭火腿
" Fry, . . . . .	160	—	燭火腿
" Head, . . . . .	each	500	燭火腿
" Heart, . . . . .	50	40	燭火腿
Kidneys, . . . . .	70	—	燭火腿
Liver, . . . . .	lb.	160	燭火腿
Pork, Chop, . . . . .	catty	180	燭火腿
" Corned, . . . . .	—	—	燭火腿
" Legs, . . . . .	190	—	燭火腿
Fat or Lard, . . . . .	140	—	燭火腿
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	350	—	燭火腿
Heart, . . . . .	each	50	40
Kidneys, . . . . .	70	—	燭火腿
Liver, . . . . .	lb.	150	140
Sucking Pig, . . . . .	each	\$1.75	\$1.25
Suet, Beef, . . . . .	lb.	110	—
Mutton, . . . . .	100	—	燭火腿
Veal, . . . . .	catty	130	—

## Poultry.

Chicken, . . . . .	catty	230	—	燭仔
Capon, . . . . .	250	—	燭鴨	
Ducks, . . . . .	160	—	燭鴨	
Doves, . . . . .	each	—	燭鴨	
Eggs, Hen, . . . . .	doz.	110	—	燭鴨
" Duck, . . . . .	110	—	燭鴨	
Fowls, . . . . .	catty	170	—	燭鴨
Geese, . . . . .	170	—	燭鴨	
Hares, . . . . .	each	600	—	燭兔
Musk Deer, . . . . .	85.00	—	燭兔	
Partridges, . . . . .	450	—	燭兔	
Pigeons, . . . . .	210	—	燭兔	
Pheasant, . . . . .	brrow \$1.40	—	燭兔	
Rice Birds, . . . . .	doz.	—	燭兔	
Quail, . . . . .	each	130	—	燭兔
Snipe, . . . . .	170	—	燭兔	
Turkeys, Cook, . . . . .	catty	500	—	燭兔
" Hen, . . . . .	400	—	燭兔	
Teal, . . . . .	each	350	—	燭兔
Wild Ducks, . . . . .	pair	\$1.30	—	燭兔

## Fish.

Barbel, . . . . .	catty	160	—	加魚
Bream, . . . . .	60	—	鰱魚	
Bombay Duck, 100 pieces	250	—	孟加拉魚	
C'ton Fresh Water Fish, catty	—	—	海鰆魚	
Carp, . . . . .	180	—	鯉魚	
Catfish, . . . . .	—	—	鯰魚	
Codfish, Salt, . . . . .	—	—	鰈魚	
Crabs, . . . . .	160	—	蟹	
Ottle Fish, . . . . .	80	—	鰈魚	
Dab, . . . . .	60	—	沙魚	
Dace, . . . . .	90	—	質尾鰈	
Dog Fish, . . . . .	—	—	鰈鰈	
Eels, Gengor, . . . . .	—	—	鰈	
" Fresh water, . . . . .	300	—	鰈	
Eels, Yellow, . . . . .	150	—	鰈	
Eels, Fish, . . . . .	—	—	鰈	
Frog, . . . . .	180	—	鰈	
Fresh Fish, . . . . .	60	—	鰈	
Garoupa, . . . . .	300	—	鰈	
Gudgeon, . . . . .	90	—	石斑魚	
Gurnard, . . . . .	80	—	紅鰈	
Herring, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	
" smoked, box	—	—	鮭	
Hilbun, . . . . .	catty	100	—	鮭
Lahru, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	
Lah, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	
Lutong, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	
Haddock, . . . . .	—	—	鮭	
Monk Fish, . . . . .	—	—	鮭	
Mullet, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	
Oysters, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	
Parrotfish, . . . . .	180	—	鮭	

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日本烟燭肉	鯊魚	鯊魚
英國煙燭肉	鯊魚	鯊魚
牛頭肉	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛肉	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛腦	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛頭	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛心	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛腰	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛肝	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛尾	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛肚	鯊魚	鯊魚
燭牛仔	鯊魚	鯊魚
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BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	30,000 \$	125 all	176 2/3 prem. ex div. = \$345.	
Bank of China & Japan Limited	30,950 £	5 £	5 nom.	[Buyers
preference shares	100,875 £	8 1/2	21.90	
ordinary	1,250 £	1 1/2	1.75	[Buyers]
deferred	1,250 £	10 1/2	8.24	
National Bank of China, Limited	8,000 £	2 1/2	2.25	
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000 \$	200 1/2	50.3185. sales	
China Trade's Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000 \$	63.22	23.879. sales	
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000 £	10 1/2	25.15. 19.	
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000 \$	15 1/2	20.226. sales and buyers	
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000 \$	250 1/2	60.8237.	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000 £	100 1/2	60.160.	
FIN. INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000 \$	100 1/2	24.108. ex div. buyers	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000 £	250 1/2	50.400. buyers	
DO.	20,000 £	100 1/2	24.10. buyers	
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000 \$	100 all	1400. sales	
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000 \$	100 all	350. sellers	
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000 \$	50 all	600. buyers	
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600 \$	100 \$ 37	443. sellers	
LAND AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000 \$	100 \$	50.877. sellers	
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000 \$	50 \$	30.15. buyers	
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	25,400 \$	10 all	89.7. sales	
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500 \$	50 \$	820. sales and buyers	
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High Tramway Co., Ltd.	1,250 \$	100 all	95. buyers	
MINING.				
Jeliba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	40,000 \$	5 all	82.85. sales and buyers	
Punjor Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000 \$	4 all	10.10. sales	
Sociedad Francisco de Charler	12,000 Frs.	500 all	75. sellers	
nager du Tonkin	12,000 Frs.	3 all	{ nom.	
New Bahamut Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000 \$	3 all	11/10. \$12. sales and sellers	
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000 £	5 1/2	85. buyers	
Olivers Freshwater Mines, Ltd.	20,000 £	10 1/2	24.24	
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500 \$	100 all	55. nom.	
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liquid.	6,000 \$	100 all	in liqu.	
HOTELS, ETC.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000 \$	10 all	312.50. sales	
Dakin, Crickshank & Co., Ltd. in liquid	50,000 \$	6 all	in liquidation	
LIGHTING.				
HK. and Chiu Gas Co., Limited	7,000 £	10 all	110. buyers	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000 \$	10 all	883. sales and sellers	
BRICK AND STONE.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000 \$	10 \$ 10	10.22. buyers	
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Atheneum Eastern Agency, Ltd.	3,000 £	1 1/2	88. buyers	
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	7,000 £	1 1/2 15	88. buyers	
Goo, Fentwich & Co., Limited	1,200 \$	10 all	87. buyers	
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000 \$	25 \$	32.21. buyers	
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000 \$	50 all	30. nom.	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000 \$	25 all	108. sales and sellers	
Hongkong Rope Manufactory Co., Ltd.	5,000 \$	50 all	158. buyers	
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000 \$	100 \$ 100	110. 100. 100. 100. buyers	
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000 \$	100 \$ 100	110. 100. 100. 100. buyers	
Laon-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	2,000 \$	2,000 \$	20. 20. 20. 20. buyers	
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000 \$	2,000 \$	20. 20. 20. 20. buyers	
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000 \$	500 \$	150. Tls. 500. Tls. 525.	
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